

The NC Gambit

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Joseph Jurjevich Wins Expert Class in U.S. Class Championship

**Other Winners are Keith Eubanks, Cezarte Ramos, Joshua Suich,
Octavio Pinell, Victor Suich, and Jesse Gray Jones**

New Officers Elected at NCCA Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting on October 6, 2002 in Burlington, the following officers were elected:

Neal Harris	President
Matthew Noble	First Vice President
Robert Singletary	Second Vice President
Gerben Hoekstra	Secretary/Treasurer

The inaugural inductees to the NC Chess Hall of Fame were elected:
Robert Singletary, Greg Samsa, and NM Leland Fuerstman

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North Carolina Champions:

NC Open - Frankie Newton, IM Jonathan Schroer, and Greg Samsa;

NC Denker Representative - Kaustubh Pimputkar;

Invitational - IM Jonathan Schroer

Editor's note: We have deliberately used a variety of computers (Chessmaster 8000 and Fritz 7) to generate some analysis. Feedback is welcomed. Please mail or email any contributions for the next *NC Gambit* to Neal Harris. We are also exploring returning to the bimonthly schedule for the *NC Gambit* as well as an on-line *NC Gambit*.

Message from the President

I would like to thank the previous officers for their service and dedication: NM Leland Fuerstman, Jill Bambara, and Pat Hoekstra. Without them, the NCCA would not be in the great shape that it is now. I would also like to welcome the new officers. Congratulations to the inaugural inductees to the NC Chess Hall of Fame: Robert Singletary, Greg Samsa, and NM Leland Fuerstman. For those that did not attend the very vocal business meeting, the primary item affecting NCCA players is that the 2003 NC Championship will be closed to only NC players. Lastly, you may have noticed that I pulled the message board off of the NCCA web site *AGAIN!* We continued to receive threats, personal attacks, and profanity. If you cannot play nice, then don't play at all. We are looking at a more secure message board for the future. Thanks to all new and renewing NCCA members. - Neal Harris

Results and Tournament Reports

2002 NC Championship

by Ian Sanders

The 2002 NC Championship was held October 4-6 at the Best Western Burlington. With 119 competitors in the tournament, each section featured an abundance of hard-fought games.

In the Open section, International Master Jonathan Schroer was the top seed. The first round saw Schroer(2465) square off against Scott Hunter, while the #2 seed, Frankie Newton(2226) faced Patrick McCartney(1979). Schroer and Newton both pulled through with wins and were joined by 8 other players. After the second round only Samsa(2200), Schroer(2465), Harris(2201), and Newton(2226) still remained untouched. Schroer's second round game with Tapia(2093) was especially tight with Schroer scrambling to win a Bishop ending with time winding down. In the third round the top seed continued to dominate the Open with an exciting win over NCCA President Neal Harris.

In the U2000 Section top seeded Robert Spurrier(1992) was joined by the surprising Deneil Brazell(1693) at 3-0. In their 4th round matchup, Brazell missed a drawing opportunity and fell behind by a point entering the last round.

In the top section Schroer, who was feeling sick, ceded draws in rounds 4 and 5 to Frankie Newton and Matt Noble(2206). Newton claimed his share of first with a win over SC veteran Klaus Pohl. Pohl, with a slight advantage going into the endgame dropped a piece and allowed Newton to claim the full point. Greg Samsa, also a half point behind Schroer won against Kevin Kirby(2135) to stake his claim to first.

In the U2000 Spurrier completed his undefeated tournament with a win over Zakir Ahmed(1702). Five others tied for second with 3.5 points.

Thad Rogers organized the tournament and provided his excellent chess shop. Rogers took over as chief TD when Robert Singletary was forced to leave due to a family emergency. On behalf of American Chess Promotions, Thad Rogers donated \$100 to the NCCA. Gerben Hoekstra was assistant TD and did excellent work with pairings. This was an exceptional tournament, and I encourage all NC chessplayers to attend the 2003 NC Closed.

NC Championship Section Winners:**Open:** Frankie Newton, IM Jonathan Schroer, and Greg Samsa (4-1)**U2000:** Robert Spurrier (5-0)**U1800:** John Luisana, Sam Thompson (4.5)**U1600:** Adam Holmes (4.5)**U1400:** Jonathan Munnell (4.5)**U1200/Unrated:** Shawn Spencer, Peres-de- Silva, David Blair (4.0)**U.S. Class Championship, November 8-10, 2002, Cherokee, NC**

89 players participated in the 2002 tournament including 15 trophy-only entrants. The states of Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia were represented. Ratings ranged from 2143 to 479 and there were 9 unrated players playing as well. Fifteen players took advantage of reentry and played round 1 on both Friday night and Saturday morning. 13 cross-section pairings throughout the tournament meant that every player was paired for a game every round. Only one player (Jesse Gray Jones) achieved a perfect score of 6.0. The luxurious site provided excellent playing conditions and numerous players requested that it host additional events.

U.S. Class Championship Results**Expert**

1. Joseph Jurjevich (2143) 4.5
2. Karl Ehrsam (2053) 4.0
3. James Huddleston (2081) 3.5

Class A

1. (tie) Keith Eubanks (1996) 5.0
Cezarte Ramos (1976) 5.0
3. Claude Corbett (1836) 4.5

Class B

1. Joshua Suich (1783) 5.5
2. (tie) Mark Gragg (1753) 4.5
Lee Miller (1677) 4.5

Class C

1. Octavio Pinell (1424) 5.0
2. Scott gru-Bell (1473) 4.5
3. Patrick Ray (1428) 4.0

Class D

1. Victor Suich (1251) 4.5
2. (tie) Chris Price (1231) 4.0
Chaz Daly (1365) 4.0

Under 1200 / Unrated

1. Jesse Gray Jones (972) 6.0
2. Matthew Horwitz (1051) 5.0
3. (tie) Pat Cahal (unr) 4.5
Ben Blach (1050) 4.5

The 29th L.P.O.: Lipkin/Pfefferkorn Open August 16-18 or 17-18, 2002**Open:** IM Laurence Kaufman, GM Alek Wojtkiewicz, 4.0**U2200:** Jairo Moreira, 4.0**U2000:** James Adkins, 4.5**U1800:** Scott Baldwin, 5.0**U1600:** Albert Errazo, Richard Miller, 4.5**U1400:** Charles Yu, Nathan Fitzgerald, 4.5**Unrated:** Shawn Spencer, 5.0**Southeastern Open October 25 - 27, 2002 in Rock Hill, SC****Open:** 1st GM Alek Wojtkiewicz 4.5, 2nd Jairo Moreira 4.0**Under 2000:** 1st Keith Eubanks, Patrick McCartney 4.0**Under 1800:** 1st Deneil Brazell, Andras Bader 4.0**Under 1600:** 1st Michael Will, Marcus Lemmond 4.0**Under 1400:** 1st Charles Cameron, Hassan Hashemloo 4.0**Trophy:** 1st Kevin Diao 4.5, Gilberto Ortiz 4.0

T.A.C.O. (Triangle Area Chess Open) Results

by Jeff Jones

T.A.C.O. I August 31st, 2002

Open: 1st Ken Carberry 3 , 2nd-3rd NM Craig W. Jones, Jean-Phillippe Smits 2

U1800: 1st Dan Garrett 2.5 , 2nd-6th Jeff Jones, Tobin Logan, Mark Stith, Michael Potts, Boyd Strickland 2

U1400: 1st-2nd Amir Hosseini, Prateek Peres-da-Silva 3, 3rd Pablo Banuelos 2.5

T.A.C.O. II September 28th, 2002

Open: 1st-2nd Ken Carberry, Jean-Phillippe Smits 2.5, 3rd-4th Jeff Jones, Gregory Duel 2

U1800: 1st Shawn George 3, 2nd Logan Allin 2.5 3rd-6th Ben George, Nisha George, Daniel Faries, Luis Guzman 1.5

U1400: 1st Burnice Bullock 3, 2nd Jay Pourarian 2.5, 3rd-4th Prateek Peres-da-Silva, Pablo Banuelos

T.A.C.O. III October 19th, 2002

Open: 1st:Shawn George 2.5, 2nd-3rd NM John Bidwell, Paul King 2

U1800: 1st-2nd Eugene Davenport, Walter Elliott 3 3rd-7th Gary Morris, Richard Miller, Ben George, Nisha George, Pablo Banuelos 2

U1400: 1st Aaron Hodges 3 2nd-5th Paul Hughes, Samuel Padgett, Charles Allen, David Gilbert 2

T.A.C.O. IV November 16th, 2002

Open 1st NM John Bidwell 3, 2nd NM John Kirby 2.5, 3rd-5th Ronald Simpson, Curtis Graham, Bradley Marts 2

U1800: 1st Jackie Guglielmi 3, 2nd-3rd Logan Allin, Noah Blach 2.5

U1400: 1st Samuel Padgett 3, 2nd-5th David Blair, Michael Taladay, Yakov Shlapentokh-Rothman, Phillip Whittington

Charlotte Chess Club Tournament Results

Additional information at <http://www.charlottechess.com/>

Wendy's XL, 11-27-02, 56, **Top:** 1st Patrick McCartney 4-1, =2nd-3rd NM Frankie Newton, Daniel Tapia 3-2. **Middle:** 1st Dr. Gerard Szyber 4-1, =2nd-4th Slobodan Sinanovic, Deneil Brazell, Frank Johnson 3-2. **Lower:** 1st Hassan Hashemloo 4-1, =2nd-3rd Alphonse Ashamalla, Winfred Gatlin 3-2.

Smokehouse XXXIII, 11-23-02, 16, **Top:** =1st-2nd NM Frankie Newton, Keith Eubanks 2.5-.5. **Lower:** 1st James Ulaky 3-0, =2nd-3rd Frank Johnson, Jonathan Munnell 2-1.

Wendys XXXIX, 10-23-02, 48, **Top:** =1st-3rd NM Frankie Newton, NM Harold Mouzon, NM Leland Fuerstman 4-1. **Middle:** 1st Daryl Gordon 4-1, -2nd-4th Dave Richards, Slobodan Sinanovic, Frank Mu 3-2. **Lower:** 1st Winfred Gatlin 4-1, 2nd Hassan Hasmemloo 3.5-1.5.

Smokehouse XXXII, 10-19-02, 18, **Top:** 1st Daniel Tapia 3-0, =2nd-5th NM Leland Fuerstman, Patrick McCartney, Chris Mabe, Deneil Brazell 2-1. **Lower:** Bernard Baker 3-0, =2nd-4th Spencer Singleton, Hassan Hashemloo, Jonathan Munnell.

Smokehouse XXXI, 9-21-02, 31, **Top:** =1st-2nd NM Leland Fuerstman, Patrick McCartney 2.5-.5. **Middle:** 1st Dr. Gerard Szyber 3-0, 2nd Kwadwo Achempong 2.5-.5. **Lower:** 1st Albert Rowland 3-0, 2nd Lee Nevitt 2.5-.5.

Area Masters Join Largest WSO Turnout Ever!!! by Jonathan Munnell

The 6th Winston Open, held November 2nd, drew 32 players from 4 different states to make it the largest WSO ever. Some of chess' finest local players were drawn to PC's etc. to due battle and walk out with first place in their respective divisions. The Austin Chess club's monthly tournament was also privileged enough to roll out the red carpet for NM Neal Harris (2201) and SM Klaus Pohl (2206).

The 10 man lower section of the Winston Open was owned by David Gilbert (1100), who scored a superb 3.5 points, winning his first 3 games and safely drawing his last round game for the win. Placing second in the lower section was Matthew Horowitz (1051). Matthew's 3 points were good enough for clear second, losing only to the lower section winner, David Gilbert, in the third round. There was a log jam of players with 2 points to tie for 3rd-6th place. Zach Gilbert, Matthew Kelly, Virgil Burnett and Christopher Howe all finished the tournament with a 2 out of 2 score and should be commended.

The middle section of this months Winston Open saw a tie for first place between Brad McDaniel (1404) and Noah Blach (1202), both scoring 3 out of 4 points. Both Noah and Brad battled to a draw with each other in round 2. While Noah tallied a draw again in round 3, Brad scored a draw in round 4 and they both left Winston-Salem undefeated and worthy of their first place prizes. With impressive scores of 2.5 in the middle section, Dennis Wall (1180) and Gilbert Stone (1303) tied for 3rd-4th and finished the tournament with very respectful scores.

The top section of the Winston Open 6 saw talented chess players duel to become top dog and take home the \$120 first place prize. Taking home that \$120 prize was NM Neal Harris. NM Harris, also President of the NC Chess Association, played some great chess at the WSO and earned his 4.0 perfect score. Victim's to Neal's play were, Scott Baldwin (1702), Damon Smith (1796), Michael McHale (1903) and SM Klaus Pohl (2206). Scoring 2nd place with an impressive score of 3.5 was Austin Chess Club's top rated player, Chris Mabe (1882). Chris, while on his way to clear second, drew with SM Klaus Pohl in round 2 and beat Michael McHale in round 4, earning his \$50 dollars the hard way. SM Klaus Pohl and Chad Eller (1748) both scored 2.5 points to tie for 3rd-4th. Although they walked away with fine scores, 2.5 points wasn't enough to earn any cash.

North Carolina's Top 25 Based on December 2002 USCF ratings

1: 2572	Becerra, Julio GM	14: 2211	Noble, Matthew NM
2: 2466	Schroer, Jonathan IM	15: 2205	Harris, Neal NM
3: 2360	Hoekstra, Matthew FM	16: 2200	Bidwell, John NM
4: 2332	Fierro, Martha WGM	17: 2198	Mo, Sage
5: 2288	Filatov, Leonid FM	18: 2192	Mouzon, Harold
6: 2264	Moreira, Jairo NM	19: 2168	Vlahovic, Branislav
7: 2257	Newton, Frankie NM	20: 2158	Kvit, Alexander
8: 2254	Tapper, Larry NM	21: 2149	Mottonen, James
9: 2241	Klein, Mike NM	22: 2147	De Joseph, Stephen
10: 2233	Kirby, John NM	23: 2144	Mera, Angel
11: 2222	Jones, Craig NM	24: 2143	Jurjevich, Joseph
12: 2215	Daniel, Justin NM	25: 2133	Berry, Jack
13: 2212	Samsa, Greg NM		

Plenty Of Tarheel Flavor In The USCF's Top 100 Lists

By Randy Wheelless

North Carolina players are sprinkled throughout the various U.S. Chess Federation Top 100 lists – from the highest rated grandmaster to kids whose ages have yet to hit double digits.

Here's a visit through the October 2002 Top 100 lists:

Overall, GM Julio Becerra of Charlotte remains the state's highest rated player – coming in at No. 27 among the Top 100 players in the nation. IM Jonathan Schroer of Cary makes it two from the Tarheel State on the list – coming in at No. 82. The two also appear on the Quick-Rated list – Becerra at No. 22 and Schroer at No. 59. In the women's rankings, WGM Martha Fierro of Charlotte comes in at No. 6 in the U.S. Jacqueline Guglielmi is ranked No. 55, while Theresa Williams is ranked No. 92 among the Top 100.

Moving to the age categories: In the Under 21 category, Charlotte's Matthew Hoekstra comes in at No. 13, while Justin Daniel, also from Charlotte, checks in at No. 48. In the 18-year-old rankings, Hoekstra rises to No. 5 while Daniel is at No. 11. Ben Stewart appears in these rankings at No. 62.

Charlotte's Kaustubh ("KK") Pimputkar is the lone North Carolina player on in the 17-year-old list – coming in at No. 95. Only one Tarheel is on the 16-year-old list, too – Charlotte's Daniel Tapia checks in at No. 13.

On the 15-year-old list – Ian Sanders comes in at No. 68. In the 14-year-old rankings, Nelson Lopez checks in at No. 37. Two North Carolina players make the 12-year-old list – Charlotte's Frank Mu comes in at No. 31, while Cary's Nisha George checks in at No. 97.

In the 11-year-old list, Fayetteville's Carter Benghe appears at No. 91. For the 8-and-under crowd, Charlotte's Joshua Mu, 7, is No. 14 in the nation, while Jad Zakhia-Sheehi, 7, is at No. 57. (note: Christopher Howie made the December 2002 list at No. 92)

North Carolina places three in the Girls Under 16 rankings: Charlotte's Euphemia Mu comes in at No. 30; Nisha George is at No. 46 and Charlotte's Colette Wheelless is at No. 91. George is also in the Girls Under 13 list – checking in at No. 16. Charlotte's Amelia Wheelless is also on the list at No. 61. In the Correspondence ratings – the mailbag says that Doug Bartenfeld is at No. 25, while Dana Daves checks in at No. 93.

Note: Did a worthy name get left off? A friend? Maybe you? There are many reasons names get omitted from the national rankings. Here are a few:

- 1) USCF membership has expired. If your membership is not up-to-date, you will be left off, or even dropped from the list – even if you were on a previous list.
- 2) Do you have a provisional rating? Everyone ranked must have an established rating. No provisional ratings are ranked.
- 3) Is your state affiliation correct? If you recently moved, you may be ranked but your state affiliation hasn't been switched to North Carolina. It's worth checking.
- 4) For women: Does the USCF know you are a female? A common mistake in the gender-based rankings.
- 5) If none of these solve your question, make a call to the USCF. Mistakes do happen, but the USCF has done a good job at correcting past errors.

Games, Games, and More Games

George Elgin - Patrick McCartney

French Defense, Correspondence, 2002

This game was played on www.playchess.de with a starting time of 5 days with 1 day added per move. Annotation by Patrick McCartney.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.f4 Bd7 12.Qd3 dxc3 13.h4 {13.Nxc3 is considered White's best chance at an advantage.} **13...Nf5 14.h5 0-0-0 15.h6 Rg6 16.h7 Rh8 17.Rb1 f6** {Clearing way for the Queen to attack the h7-pawn.} **18.exf6 Be8 19.Qxc3 Rxd7 20.Rg1 d4 21.Qb3 Rxf6 22.g4 Nh4 23.f5?** {23.g5 leads to rough equality with perhaps a miniscule advantage for Black.} **23...d3!** {Enticing the Queen to an undesirable square.} **24.Qxd3 Ne5 25.Qb3 Nhf3+ 26.Kf2** {The King hunt begins here.} **26...Rh2+** {There are of course other ways to go about winning, including going down to a won endgame, but Black opts to go for the King Hunt.} **27.Rg2** {27.Ke3 leads to mate in 5 after 27...Qc5+ 28.Kf4 Ng6+ 29.Kxf3 Bc6+ 30.Qd5 Bxd5+ 31.Kg3 Qf2# while after 27.Kg3, Black's wins by simply playing 27...Nxc3 since 28.Kxh2 leads to mate in 2.} **27...Nxc3** {Sacrificing the Knight in order to drag the King towards the center of the board.} **28.Kxf3 Rxf5+!** {28...Bc6+?! doesn't quite hit the mark after 29.Kxg4 as 29...Qg7+ is answered by 30.Bg5 and the position is unclear.} **29.Bf4** {White can't take the knight as 29.Kxg4 Bh5 is mate. However, 29.Nf4 would show more resistance than the move played, but Black would still have a won position after 29...Rh3+ 30.Rg3 Bc6+ 31.Ke2 Qe5+ 32.Re3 Rxe3+ 33.Bxe3 Rxf4 34.Kd2 Rf3 -+.} **29...Rh3+ 30.Rg3** {30.Ng3 is the only move that stops instant mate.} **30...Qc6+!!** {Black sacrifices 2 more pieces to force mate. 31.Kxg4 (White can throw in 31.Qd5 to make it one move longer) 31...Bh5+ 32.Kxh3 Qh1#.} **0-1**

James Huddleston - Leonard Dickerson

U.S. Class Championship, Cherokee, 2002.11.09

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 c6 4. Bg5 Qb6 5. Qd2 Qxb2 6. Rb1 Qa3 7. Nf3 Qa5 8. Bd3 h6 9. Bxf6 exf6 10. O-O Be7 11. d5 O-O 12. Nd4 Re8 13. Rb3 Qc7 14. Rfb1 Nd7 15. dxc6 bxc6 16. Nxc6 Qxc6 17. Nd5 a6 18. Rc3 Nc5 19. Rb6 Qd7 20. Rb4 Bd8 21. Qf4 Ba5 22. Be2 Kf8 23. Rh3 Qxh3 24. Qxd6+ Kg8 25. gxh3 Bxb4 26. Nxb4 Nxe4 27. Qd3 Nc5 28. Qd1 Bxh3 1-0

Jesse Gray Jones (972) - Britt McDanel (1130)

U.S. Class Championship, Cherokee, 2002.11.09

1. c4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. e4 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. d3 e6 6. Be3 d6 7. d4 cxd4 8. Bxd4 Nxd4 9. Nxd4 Ne7 10. g3 O-O 11. Bg2 f5 12. Ndb5 Qb6 13. Qxd6 Qxd6 14. Nxd6 Rd8 15. Rd1 Be5 16. Nxc8 Bxc3+ 17. bxc3 Rxd1+ 18. Kxd1 Rxc8 19. exf5 exf5 20. Bxb7 Rxc4 21. Re1 Rc7 22. Bg2 Rd7+ 23. Ke2 Kf7 24. Rd1 Rxd1 25. Kxd1 Ke6 26. Ke2 Nd5 27. Bxd5+ Kxd5 28. Kd3 Kc5 29. a4 a5 30. f4 h6 31. h3 h5 32. c4 Kc6 33. Kd4 Kd6 34. c5+ Kc6 35. Kc4 Kc7 36. Kd5 Kd7 37. c6+ Kc7 38. Kc5 Kc8 39. Kd6 Kd8 40. c7+ Kc8 41. h4 g5 42. fxe5 f4 43. gxf4 Kb7 44. Kd7 Ka8 45. c8=Q+ Ka7 46. g6 Kb6 47. g7 Ka7 48. g8=Q Kb6 49. Qe6+ Ka7 50. Qc7+ Ka8 51. Qe8# 1-0

Joseph Jurjevich (2143) - James Huddleston (2081)

U.S. Class Championship, Cherokee, 2002.11.09

{Annotations by Chessmaster 8000 Auto-Annotator. 10 seconds per move.}

1. e4 g6 2. d4 {B06 Robatsch Defense. White responds as against the Pirc and can continue with a sort of Austrian Attack (f4).} **2... Bg7 3. Nf3 d6 4. Nc3 Nf6** {B08 Pirc Defense / Classical Variation / Two Knights System (transposed).} **5. h3 O-O 6. Be3** {B07 Pirc Defense / Pirc Defense 1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 (transposed).} **6... a6** {Out of Opening Book. Nc6 would have been in the Pirc Defense / Pirc Defense 1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 opening line.} **7. Qd2** {Enables the long castle.} **7... b5 8. a3 Bb7 9. Bd3** {Clears the way for a kingside castle.} **9... Nfd7 10. Bh6** {Pins Black's bishop at g7 with a partial pin and blocks Black's pawn at h7.} **10... e5 11. dxe5 dxe5 12. Bxg7** {Attacks Black's rook at f8.} **12... Kxg7** {Protects Black's rook at f8. Black wins a bishop and a pawn for a bishop and a pawn. Material is even.} **13. O-O-O Qe7 14. g4 h6 15. h4 Nb6 16. Ne2 Bc8** {Attacks White's pawn at g4.} **17. Rdg1** {Protects White's pawn at g4.} **17... Nc6 18. Qc3** {Threatens Black's knight at c6.} **18... Qd6** {Protects Black's knight at c6.} **19. Nxe5 Nxe5** {Blocks White's pawn at e4. Black wins a knight for a pawn.} **20. f4** {Threatens Black's knight at e5.} **20... Re8 21. fxe5** {Attacks Black's queen.} **21... Qxe5** {Blocks White's pawn at e4. White wins a knight for a pawn. Material is even.} **22. g5 h5 23. Rf1 Na4** {Threatens White's queen and blocks White's pawn at a3.} **24. Qxe5+** {Triple-forks Black's rook at e8, Black's king, and Black's pawn at c7.} **24... Rxe5** {Protects Black's pawn at c7 and Black's king and blocks White's pawn at e4. Black wins a queen for a queen. Material is even.} **25. Rf6** {Blocks Black's pawn at f7.} **25... c5 26. c3** {Slightly better is b3.} **26... c4** {Threatens White's bishop.} **27. Rhf1** {Slightly better is Bc2.} **27... Ra7** {Slightly better is Bg4.} **28. Bc2** {Moves it to safety.} **28... Nc5** {Takes the knight away from the edge of the board.} **29. Nd4 Rc7 30. Nc6** {Threatens Black's rook at e5.} **30... Rxe4** {Attacks White's pawn at h4.} **31. Bxe4** {Protects White's pawn at h4.} **31... Nxe4** {Attacks White's rook at f6. White wins a rook for a bishop and a pawn.} **32. R6f4** {Moves it to safety and attacks Black's knight.} **32... Ng3** {Slightly better is Bh3.} **33. R1f2** {Moves it to safety.} **33... Bf5 34. Nd4** {Moves it to safety.} **34... Bd3 35. R2f3** {Attacks Black's knight.} **35... Ne2+** {Moves it out of immediate jeopardy and forks White's rook at f4 and White's king.} **36. Nxe2** {Removes the threat on White's rook at f4 and White's king.} **36... Bxe2** {Threatens White's rook at f3. Black wins a knight for a knight.} **37. Re3** {Moves it to safety and threatens Black's bishop.} **37... Bg4** {Moves it out of immediate jeopardy.} **38. Re5 Rd7** {Seizes the open file.} **39. Rd4 Kf8 40. Rxd7 Bxd7** {Black wins a rook for a rook.} **1-0**

Harold Mouzon (2215) - Leland Fuerstman (2000)

2002 NC Championship (Burlington, NC), 10/05/2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 O-O 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.h4 h5 11.O-O-O Ne5 12.Bb3 Rc8 13.Bg5 Rc5 14.g4 b5? (This gives White a winning attack) **15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.gxh5 gxh5 17.Qh6 Bg7 18.Rhg1 Bg4 19.Qd2??** (This move wipes away all of White's (+-2.56 Fritz 7) advantage. 19.Qf4 kept the pressure on and a win in hand) **19...Nxf3 20.Nxf3 Bxf3 21.Rdf1 Bg4 22.Nd5 e6 23.Ne3 Bh6 24.Kb1 Qxh4 25.Qe2 Bxe3 26.Qxe3 Qg5 27.Qg3 a5 28.Qxd6 Rd8 29.Qb6 a4 30.Bd5 Rdc8 31.Bb7 Rb8 32.Qa7 Qe5 33.Bd5 Qc7 34.Qa6 Qb6 0-1**

NM L Fuerstman (2000) - Jack Berry (2148)

2002 NC Ch, Rd:3, 10-5-02, Burlington

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 e3 e6 5 Nf3 Nd7 6 Bd3 dc 7 Bc4 b5 8 Bd3 Bb7 9 a3 b4 10 ab Bb4 11 0-0 0-0 12 e4 c5? (12...h6 is necessary) **13 e5 Bf3 14 Qf3 cd 15 ef dc 16 fg Re 17 Qe4???** (Here, White overlooks the killer!! 17 Bh7!! winning instantly for if a) 17...Kh7 18 Qh5 Kg7 19 Bh6! Kg8 20 Qg4 Kh7 21 Qg7# or 19 Bh6 Kh7 20 Bg5 winning the Queen or b) 17...Kg7 18 Qh5 Nf6 19 Qh6 Kh8 20 Bg5 Be7 21 Bf6 Bf6 22 Bg6 Kg8 23 Qh7 Kf8 24 Qf7#) **17...Nf6! 0-1** {in 59 moves}

NM L Fuerstman (2000) - Dakota Cronin (1958)

2002 NC Ch, Rd:4, 10-6-02, Burlington

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bd3 c5 5 Nf3 Nc6 6 Be3 Qa5?! 7 0-0 c4 8 Be2 b5 9 ed ed 10 Ne5 Qb6
 11 f4 Bd6 12 Bf3 Ne5 13 fe Be5 14 Bd5 Nd5 15 Nd5 Qc6 16 de (Slightly better is Qf3!) 16...Bb7 17
 Qg4 Qd5 18 Rad Qc6 19 Qg7 Rf8 20 Rd6 1-0

Patrick McCartney (1978) - Chris Mabe (1882)

NC Championships (4), 2002.10.06

1.Nf3 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Ng5 d5 4.d3 Qd6 5.dxe4 h6 6.Nf3 dxe4 7.Nd4 Nf6 8.Nc3 a6 9.f3 e5 10.Nb3
 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 exf3 12.gxf3 Bf5 13.Be3 Nc6 14.a3 0-0-0+ 15.Bd2 Nd4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Ne2 d3
 18.cxd3 Bxd3 19.Bh3+ Kb8 20.Nf4 Be4 21.Rf1 Bd3 22.Nxd3 Rxd3 23.Ke2 Rd4 24.Be1 Bd6
 25.Ke3 Bc5 0-1

Patrick McCartney (1987) - Chris Mabe (1887)

Smokehouse XXXIII, Round 3

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Be7 4.d4 d5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 b6 8.0-0-0 Bb7 9.Kb1 Rc8 10.Bd3
 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nd5 12.h4 b5 13.Bd3 Nb4 14.Qe2 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 a6 16.Ka1 f6 17.Bf4 c5 18.Qb1 c4
 19.d5 e5 20.d6 exf4 21.dxe7 Qxe7 22.exf4 0-0 23.Rhe1 Qf7 24.Nd4 Nc5 25.Nf5 Rcd8 26.Re7 Qh5
 27.Rxg7+ Kh8 28.g4 Rxd1 (28...Qe8?? 29.Nd6!, but Black is still lost anyway) 29.Qxd1 Qe8 30.Re7
 Qd8 31.Qe2 Bc6 32.g5 (Threatening 33.Rxh7) Be8 (Forced) 33.h5 Nd3 34.gxf6 b4 35.Qg4 Rg8
 36.Rg7 Rf8 (and Black immediately Resigned) 1-0

P McCartney (1979) - NM H Mouzon (2215)

2002 NC Ch, Rd:5, 10-6-02, Burlington

1 Nf3 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 c4 g6 4 Nc3 Bg7 5 e4 0-0 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0 Nc6 8 d5 Ne7 9 b4 Nh5 10 Re1 f5 11
 Ng5 Nf6 12 Bf3 a5 13 ba5 Ra5 14 a4 b6 15 Qb3 (15 Bd2 is probably better) 15...fe4 (This move
 prevents White's intended plan of 16 Ne6) 16 Nce4 Nf5 17 Be2 Ne3 18 Qe3 Ne4 (18...Bh6 would
 probably give Black a small advantage. Now the position is equal.) 19 Ne4 Bf5 (Black must eliminate
 the White knight) 20 Ra2 Be4 21 Be4 Qh4 22 g3 Qh5 23 f3 (Normally, OCB's are advantageous for
 the one that is on the attack but with a rook stuck on a5 blocking my pawn combined with there being
 no open files and White's pawns not being on the same color squares as Black's bishop, all White must
 prevent is the Black Queen from coming in via the c1-h6 diagonal, which shouldn't be hard for White
 at all.) 23...Bh6 24 Qd3 Bg5 25 Rb1 Qh6 26 Rb5 Be3 27 Kg2 Rfa8 28 Ra5 Ra5 29 Qe2 (Heading
 for e1 and keeping the Queen out since the bishop will never be able to cover both e1 and c3 at the
 same time with White's rook on the 2nd rank.) 29...Bc5 30 Qe1 Qg5 1/2-1/2

IM Larry Kaufman - NM Larry Tapper

2002 LPO, 2002.08.18

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 d6 4. g3 Qc7 5. Bg2 e5 6. Nc3 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. Qc2 Bg4 9. Be3 Nbd7
 10. h3 Bh5 11. Nh4 Rae8 12. Rac1 Bd8 13. Rfd1 Kh8 14. b3 Ng8 15. dxe5 dxe5 16. Qd2 Bxh4 17.
 Qxd7 Bd8 18. Qxc7 Bxc7 19. Bc5 Nf6 20. g4 Bg6 21. g5 Nh5 22. Rd7 Bd8 23. Bxf8 Rxf8 24. h4 f6
 25. Rcd1 Bb6 26. Na4 Ba5 27. Rxb7 fxe5 28. Rxa7 Bd8 29. Ra8 1-0

IM Jonathan Schroer - WGM Martha Fierro

2002 LPO, 2002.08.18

1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. e4 d6 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. f3 O-O 6. Be3 e5 7. d5 Nh5 8. Qd2 f5 9. O-O-O Nd7 10. Bd3 Nc5 11. Bc2 a5 12. Kb1 f4 13. Bf2 Bf6 14. Qe1 Bd7 15. Nge2 Be7 16. Nc1 a4 17. a3 Qb8 18. Nd3 Nb3 19. Bxb3 axb3 20. Rd2 c5 21. dxc6 bxc6 22. c5 Be8 23. cxd6 Bxd6 24. Bc5 Nf6 25. Bxd6 Qxd6 26. Nxf4 Qe7 27. Nd3 Bf7 28. Qe3 Ra5 29. Nb4 Qb7 30. Rhd1 Kg7 31. Rd8 Nd5 32. exd5 Rxd8 33. Nxc6 Rxd5 34. Nxd5 Qxc6 35. Qxe5+ Kh6 36. Qe3+ g5 37. Nc3 Bg6+ 38. Kc1 Qc4 39. g3 Qc7 40. f4 gxf4 41. Qxf4+ Qxf4+ 42. gxf4 Rh5 43. Rd2 Rh3 44. Rf2 Bf5 45. Ne2 Rd3 46. Ng3 Bg4 47. Rd2 Rf3 48. Rd6+ Kg7 49. f5 h5 50. f6+ Kg6 51. Ne4 Bf5 52. f7+ Kxf7 53. Ng5+ Ke7 54. Nxf3 Kxd6 55. Nd4 1-0

Daniel Tapia (2114) Patrick McCartney (1987)

Wendy's XL, Rd: 4, 11-20-02, Charlotte

1 d4 e6 2 Nf3 f5 3 c4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Be7 5 g3 0-0 6 Bg2 d6 7 0-0 Qe8 8 Re1 Nc6 9 d5 Nd8 10 e4 fe4 11 Ng5 e5 12 Nge4 Ne4 13 Ne4 Bf5 14 b4 Qf7 15 f3 a5! (Breaking up White's Queenside just in time before White gets in either c5, or a bishop move that would protect his rook on c1, and allow him to protect the b-pawn with his a-pawn.) 16 Ba3 ab4 17 Bb4 b6 18 a4 Nb7 (Black works on plugging up the Queenside before doing operation on the Kingside) 19 Nc3 Na5 20 Ba5 Ra5 21 Qe2 Bf6 (White had threatened to play f4.) 22 Ra3 Rfa8 23 Rea1 Qg6 24 Bf1 Bd7 25 Nb5 e4 26 Ra2 ef3 27 Qf3 Rf8 (After dragging the White Rooks over to the Queenside, Black returns one of his to the Kingside with tempo as 28...Bd4 is a threat) 28 Bd3 Qg5 29 Qe4 Qc1 30 Kg2 Qh6 31 g4 (Preventing 31...Bh3, but this does create other weaknesses) 31...Be5 31 h3 Rf4 33 Qe3 Bg4!! (33...Rg4?? 34 hg4 Qe3 loses to 35 Bh7!) 34 Be2 (34 hg4? loses immediately to 34...Rg4 35 Kf2 Qh2 36 Ke1 Qh1 37 Ke2 {37 Bf1 Re4 and 37 Kd2 Bf4 both net Black the queen} 37...Rg2 38 Kf3 Qh3 39 Ke4 Rg4 40 Kf5 Rf4 41 Kg5 Qg4 mate) 34...Bf5 35 Nc7 (White should probably have kept the knight covering the d4-square) 35...Be4 36 Kg1 Bd5 37 Rd2 Bc6 38 Nd5 (38 Qb6?? Bd4 39 Rd4 Rg5 40 Bg4 {40 Kh2 Rf2 mate} Rg4 41 hg4 Qh1 mate) 38...Bd5 39 cd5 Qg6 40 Kh1 Ra8 (Black finally gets his last piece into the attack.) 41 Bd3 Qg5 42 Rg2 Qh6 43 Rg4 Raf8 44 Rf4 Rf4 45 Bb5 Qf6 46 Qb6 h5 (Building an escape for the Black King) 47 Qb8 Kh7 48 Bd3 Kh6 49 Qh8? (Putting his Queen completely out of the game, and removing all chances at a miracle draw) 49...Kg5 50 Ra2 (This move allows mate in 2, but the only real way to avoid was to give up the Rook with 50 Ra1, but then it is merely a matter of a few extra moves before Black ultimately finishes on top) 50...Rf1 0-1 (Notes by McCartney)

Mike McHale (1903) - Jonathan Munnell (1439)

Winston Salem Open VI 11/02/2002

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 f5 9.a3 a5 10.Ne2 Be7 11.Nc3 Nb6 12.Bd3 O-O 13.O-O Bd7 14.Qe2 a4 15.Be3 Na5 16.Nd2 Qe8 17.Rf3 Kh8 18.Raf1 Rc8 19.Rh3 Bxa3 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.bxa3 Bc6 22.g4 g6 23.gxf5 gxf5 24.Nf3 Rc7 25.Ng5 Rg7 26.Qe1 Qd8 27.Kf2 Ne7 28.Rg1 Bd5 29.Ke2 Qb6 30.Qh4 Ng6 31.Qh6 Qb2+ 32.Ke1 Qa1+ 33.Kf2 Qb2+ 34.Be2 Bc4 35.Re1 Nxf4 36.Bxf4 Qxd4+ 37.Be3 Qxe5 38.Nxh7 1-0

Scott Baldwin - Larry Williams

LPO XXVIII (Burlington, NC), 08/18/2002

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Bd6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Qb3 Qc7 9.Bd2 Nbd7 10.Rc1 Qb6 11.Qxb6 Nxb6 12.O-O O-O 13.Nh4 Be6 14.Bd3 g6 15.b3 Nc8 16.Rfd1 Ne7 17.h3 Kg7 18.Rc2 Neg8 19.Bc1 Be7 20.Nf3 Nd7 21.Bb2 f5 22.Ne2 g5 23.Bc1 Nh6 24.a3 Bf6 25.b4 a6 26.Bd2 Rg8 27.a4 Rac8 28.Rdc1 Nb6 29.Bxa6! g4? 30.Ne1?! (Before this move White had, according to Fritz 7, a two pawn advantage and went to little more than half a pawn with this move. With 30.Bxb7 gxf3 31.Nf4 White keeps his winning advantage.) 30...gxh3 31.Rxc6? (This loses to 31...Rxc6 32.Bxb7 Rxc1 33.Bxc1 Nxa4. Fortunately for White, Black didn't play this.) 31...Nc4? (Giving White all his advantage back.) 32.R1xc4 dxc4 33.Rxe6 bxa6 34.Rxa6 Ng4 35.gxh3 Nh6 36.Ng2 Ra8 37.Rxa8 Rxa8 38.Nc3 Ng8 39.Nf4 Ne7 40.Kf1 Nc6 41.Nfd5 Bxd4 42.exd4 Nxd4 43.Bf4 Nb3 44.b5 Nc5 45.b6 Re8 46.Be3 Nb7 47.Bd4+ Kf7 48.f3 Na5 49.Bc5 Nb3 50.Bd6 Na5 51.Kf2 Nb7 52.Bb4 1-0

Richard Westbrook (1701) - Mark Gragg (1753)

U.S. Class Championship, Cherokee, 2002.11.09

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. e4 dxe4 4. f3 e3 5. Bxe3 Bf5 6. Bc4 e6 7. Nge2 Nbd7 8. Nf4 Nb6 9. Bb3 c6 10. Qe2 Qc7 11. O-O Bd6 12. g3 h5 13. Ng2 O-O-O 14. Rfd1 Rde8 15. Qf2 Reg8 16. Bf4 g5 17. Bxd6 Qxd6 18. Ne3 Bg6 19. Ne4 Nxe4 20. fxe4 Qe7 21. Rf1 h4 22. g4 h3 23. Rae1 Rh4 24. Qf6 Kd8 25. c3 Nd7 26. Qxe7+ Kxe7 27. Nf5+ Bxf5 28. gxf5 Rg4+ 29. Kh1 Rg2 30. fxe6 fxe6 31. d5 Nc5 32. dxe6 Nxb3 33. axb3 Rxb2 34. Rf7+ Kxe6 35. Rxb7 Rd8 36. Rg7 Kf6 37. Rxa7 Rdd2 38. Ra6 Rxh2+ 39. Kg1 Rbg2+ 40. Kf1 Rh1# 0-1

Dennis Davison (1599) - Mazur Leszek (2050)

NC Championship, 2002.10.05

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. h3 e6 4. Bf4 c5 5. c3 Nc6 6. e3 a6 7. Nbd2 Bd6 8. Bxd6 Qxd6 9. Bd3 O-O 10. O-O Re8 11. Re1 b6 12. Bc2 e5 13. dxe5 Nxe5 14. Nxe5 Qxe5 15. Bd3 Bb7 16. Be2 Rad8 17. Bf3 h6 18. Qc2 Bc8 19. Be2 Rd6 20. Rad1 Nh7 21. Nf3 Qf6 22. Bd3 Ng5 23. Nng5 Qxg5 24. Kh2 Rf6 25. Qd2 Qh4 26. Rf1 Rf3 27. gxf3 Qxh3+ 28. Kg1 Re5 29. f4 Qg4+ 0-1

Jonathan Munnell (1211) - Chris Mabe (1882)

Winston Salem Open V (Winston-Salem, NC), 10/12/2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 f5 11.Bd3 Be6 12.c3 Bg7 13.O-O Bxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.Bb1 O-O 16.Qh5 Qc8 17.g4 e4 18.f3 Qc5+ 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.fxe4 Qd2 21.Bc2 Qe2 22.exf5 Be5 23.Rae1 Qd2 24.Rd1 Qe3 25.Rde1 Qd2 1/2-1/2

Jonathan Munnell (1211) - Luis Guzman (1324)

2002 NC Championship (Burlington, NC), 10/04/2002

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 O-O 5.Bf4 d6 6.h3 Nbd7 7.e3 Re8 8.Be2 c5 9.O-O cxd4 10.exd4 b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.d5 Nc5 13.Rad1 Nce4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Qc2 Nc5 16.b4 Nd7 17.Rb1 Rc8 18.Qd2 Ba8 19.Bh6 Bh8 20.Bd3 b5 21.cxb5 Bxd5 22.Bxg6 Bxf3 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Qf4+ Nf6 25.Qxf3 Rg8 26.Rfe1 Qb6 27.Qb3+ Ke8 28.Re6 Qb7 29.f3 Qxb5 30.Rxf6 Qc4 31.Qxc4 Rxc4 32.Rf4 Rc2 33.Rg4 Rxc4 34.hxg4 Rxa2 35.Be3 a6 36.b5 axb5 37.Rxb5 Kf7 38.Rf5+ Ke6 39.Rh5 Re2 40.Rxh7 Bc3 41.Bf2 Bf6 42.f4 d5 43.g5 Bc3 44.Rh3 d4 45.Rd3 Re4 46.g3 Kf5 47.Kg2 e5 48.g6 Kxg6 49.Kf3 exf4 50.Kxe4 f3 51.Bxg3 Kf6 52.Be5+ Ke6 53.Bxd4 1-0

Bruce Hanks (1513) - Mike Abron (1511)

NC Championship, 2002.10.05

{Annotations by Chessmaster 8000 Auto-Annotator. 10 seconds per move.}

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 3... Bb4 {E20 Nimzo-Indian Defense. The Nimzo-Indian was popularized by Nimzovitch as a plan to gain control of e4 by trading White's Queen's Knight in conjunction with the 'Indian' fianchetto of the Queen's Bishop.} **4. Nf3 b6 5. Bg5** {Out of Opening Book. Qb3 would have been in the Indian Defense book opening. Pins Black's knight at f6.} **5... h6** {Attacks White's bishop at g5.} **6. Bd2** {Moves it to safety and frees White's knight at c3 from the pin.} **6... O-O 7. e3 Bxc3** {Pins White's pawn at b2 and White's bishop at d2 with a partial pin and attacks White's pawn at b2.} **8. Bxc3** {Frees White's pawn at b2 from the pin and removes the threat on White's pawn at b2. White wins a bishop for a knight.} **8... Ne4** {Blocks White's pawn at e3.} **9. Bb4** {Attacks Black's rook at f8.} **9... d6** {Protects Black's rook at f8.} **10. Bd3** {Attacks Black's knight at e4 and makes way for a castle to the kingside.} **10... f5** {Removes the threat on Black's knight at e4.} **11. h4 a5 12. Ba3 Bb7 13. Qe2 Nd7 14. Rc1 Ndf6 15. Rg1 Ng4 16. Bxe4** {Slightly better is Rf1.} **16... fxe4** {Frees Black's bishop from the pin, removes the threat on Black's bishop, and threatens White's knight.} **17. Nd2** {Hangs the pawn at h4. Leads to 17... Nxf2 18. Rc3 Qxh4 19. Rf1 Nd3+ 20. Kd1 Rxf1+ 21. Nxf1 Rf8 22. g3 Qg5 23. g4, which wins a rook for a rook and two pawns. Better is Ng5, leading to 17... Qf6 18. Rc2 Nxf2 19. Qxf2 hxg5 20. Qxf6 gxf6 21. hxg5 fxe4, which wins a queen, a knight, and a pawn for a queen, a knight, and two pawns. This was white's only meaningful error. Even though the game was within reach here, white eventually resigned.} **17... Nxf2 18. Rb1 Qxh4** {Isolates White's pawn at g2. Black wins a bishop and two pawns for a knight. Black is up two pawns.} **19. Rf1 Nd3+** {Leads to 20. Kd1 Rxf1+ 21. Qxf1 Rf8, which wins a rook for a rook. Better is Ng4+, leading to 20. Kd1 Qg5 21. Kc1 Qxe3 22. Re1 Qxe2 23. Rxe2, which wins a queen and a pawn for a queen. This was black's only significant error, but the game remained within reach of either player. White eventually resigned.} **20. Kd1** {Forced. Moves it out of check.} **20... Rxf1+** {Frees Black's pawn at d6 from the pin and checks White's king.} **21. Nxf1** {Moves it to the edge. Leads to 21... Rf8 22. Bb4 Qh1 23. Be1 Rxf1 24. Kd2 Nxe1 25. Rxe1 Rxe1 26. Qxe1 Qxe1+ 27. Kxe1, which wins a queen, two rooks, and a knight for a queen, a rook, a bishop, and a knight. Better is Qxf1, leading to 21... Rf8 22. Qg1 Rf2 23. Kc2 Qg5 24. Rf1 Qxe3 25. Rxf2 Nxf2, which wins two rooks for a rook and a pawn.} **21... Rf8** {White resigns.} **0-1**

Paul Jason Smith (1758) - Neil Greg Jarrett (1699)

U.S. Class Championship, Cherokee, 2002.11.09

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nc3 e6 5. g4 Bg6 6. Nge2 c5 7. h4 h5 8. Nf4 Ne7 9. dxc5 Qc7 10. Nb5 Qxe5+ 11. Qe2 Qxe2+ 12. Bxe2 Na6 13. Nd6+ Kd7 14. Nxc6 fxe6 15. Bb5+ Nc6 16. Nxb7 Nxc5 17. Na5 Rc8 18. Nxc6 Rxc6 19. f3 Bd6 20. Be3 a6 21. Bxc6+ Kxc6 22. O-O-O Nd7 23. gxh5 Rxh5 24. Rdg1 Rf5 25. Rxc6 Rxf3 26. Bg5 Nc5 27. Rxc7 Ne4 28. Rg6 Nxc5 29. hxg5 Bf4+ 30. Kd1 Kd7 31. Rh7+ Kd6 32. Ra7 Rg3 33. Rxa6+ Kc5 34. Rax6 Kd4 35. a4 Rg2 36. a5 Rd2+ 37. Kc1 Rg2+ 38. Kb1 Rg1+ 39. Ka2 Rg2 40. a6 Rxc2 41. a7 1-0

Daniel Garrett (1655) - Michael Lipkin (1725)

2002 LPO, 2002.08.18

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. b3 b4 5. Nd2 g6 6. a3 Bg7 7. axb4 Nxd5 8. cxd5 Bxa1 9. bxc5 Qa5 10. Qc2 Na6 11. Bb2 Bxb2 12. Qxb2 O-O 13. e4 Qxc5 14. Nc4 Qb4+ 15. Nd2 Nc5 16. f3 Rb8 17. Bc4 Qxc4 18. Nxc4 Nd3+ 19. Kd2 Nxb2 20. Nxb2 Rxb3 21. Nd3 Rb1 22. Ne1 Ba6 23. Ne2 Rb2+ 24. Nc2 Bxe2 0-1

Paul King (1860) - Terry Newman (1952)

2002 LPO, 2002.08.18

{Annotations by Chessmaster 8000 Auto-Annotator. 10 seconds per move.}

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. g3 c5 {E20 Nimzo-Indian Defense / Romanishin Kasparov (Steiner) System.} **5. Bg2** {Out of Opening Book. Nf3 would have been in the Indian Defense. Pins Black's pawn at b7.} **5... cxd4** {Attacks White's knight at c3.} **6. Qxd4** {Removes the threat on White's knight at c3. White wins a pawn for a pawn. Material is even.} **6... Nc6** {Frees Black's pawn at b7 from the pin and threatens White's queen.} **7. Qh4** {Moves it to safety.} **7... d6 8. Nf3** {Enables the short castle.} **8... Bxc3+** {Partially pins White's pawn at b2 and checks White's king.} **9. bxc3** {Removes the threat on White's king. White wins a bishop for a knight. Material is even.} **9... Qc7 10. O-O Na5** {Slightly better is Ne7.} **11. Bg5 Nd7 12. Nd2** {Pins Black's pawn at b7.} **12... Ne5 13. Rfd1 Nexc4** {Blocks White's pawn at c3. Black wins a pawn.} **14. Ne4 d5** {Threatens White's knight.} **15. Bf6** {Partially pins Black's pawn at g7, attacks Black's pawn at g7, and blocks Black's pawn at f7.} **15... gxf6 16. Nxf6+** {Checks Black's king and blocks Black's pawn at f7. Black wins a bishop for a pawn. Black is up a knight in material.} **16... Kf8** {Moves it out of check.} **17. Qh6+** {Slightly better is Nxh7+.} **17... Ke7** {Forced. Moves it out of check.} **18. Qg7** {Slightly better is Qh4.} **18... Rd8** {Slightly better is Qe5.} **19. Qg5 Kd6** {Look out. Leads to 20. Nxd5 exd5 21. Rxd5+ Ke6 22. Rxd8 Qxd8 23. Bh3+ f5 24. Bxf5+ Kf7 25. Qxd8, which wins a rook and a knight for a queen, a rook, and three pawns. Much better is Kf8, leading to 20. Nxh7+ Ke8 21. Nf6+ Kf8 22. Nh7+, which loses a pawn. This was black's key miscue in the game. Black did regain the lost ground, but later resigned.} **20. Bxd5** {Look out. Leads to 20... exd5 21. Nxd5 Qd7 22. Nb6+ Kc6 23. Nxd7 Bxd7 24. Qf6+ Kc7 25. Qf4+ Kb6 26. Rab1+ Ka6 27. Qxf7, which wins a queen and three pawns for a bishop and a knight. Much better is Nxd5, leading to 20... exd5 21. Rxd5+ Ke6 22. Rxd8 Qxd8 23. Bh3+ f5 24. Bxf5+ Kf7 25. Qxd8, which wins a queen, a rook, and three pawns for a rook and a knight. White had a won game before this error, but it was not costly; black later resigned.} **20... exd5** {Frees Black's pawn at b7 from the pin.} **21. Nxd5** {Threatens Black's queen. Black wins a bishop for two pawns.} **21... Qd7** {Moves it to safety.} **22. Nf6+** {Triple-forks Black's queen, Black's pawn at h7, and Black's king and blocks Black's pawn at f7.} **22... Kc7** {Moves it out of check.} **23. Nxd7 Bxd7** {White wins a queen for a knight.} **24. Qe7** {Pins Black's bishop and threatens Black's pawn at f7.} **24... Rac8 25. Rd4 b5 26. a4** {Leads to 26... Nb3 27. axb5 Nxa1 28. Rxc4+ Kb7 29. Rd4 Kc7 30. Qxf7, which wins a knight and two pawns for a rook. Better is Rad1, leading to 26... Nb6 27. Qe5+ Kc6 28. Rd6+ Kb7 29. Rxd7+ Nxd7 30. Qxb5+ Nb6 31. Rxd8 Rxd8 32. Qxa5 Rd1+ 33. Kg2 Rd2, which wins a rook, a bishop, a knight, and a pawn for two rooks.} **26... Rb8** {Leads to 27. axb5 Rb7 28. Ra4 Kc8 29. Raxc4+ Nxc4 30. Rxc4+ Rc7 31. Qxf7 Re8 32. e4, which wins a rook for two knights and two pawns. Better is Nb3, leading to 27. axb5 Nxa1 28. Rxc4+ Kb7 29. Rd4 Kc7 30. Qxf7, which wins a rook for a knight and two pawns.} **27. Qc5+** {Frees Black's bishop from the pin. Leads to 27... Bc6 28. Rxd8 Kxd8 29. Qxa7 Rb7 30. Qd4+ Bd7 31. axb5 Rxb5 32. Qh8+ Kc7 33. Qxh7, which wins a rook and three pawns for a rook and a pawn. Better is axb5, leading to 27... Rb7 28. Ra4 Kc8 29. Raxc4+ Nxc4 30. Rxc4+ Rc7 31. Qxf7 Re8 32. e4, which wins two knights and two pawns for a rook.} **27... Bc6** {Removes the threat on Black's king.} **28. axb5** {Threatens Black's bishop, creates a passed pawn on c3, and isolates Black's pawn at a7.} **28... Rxb5** {Protects Black's bishop, attacks White's queen, creates a passed pawn on a7, and isolates White's pawn at c3.} **29. Qxa7+** {Checks Black's king. White wins two pawns for a pawn.} **29... Rb7** {Protects Black's king and attacks White's queen.} **30. Qe5** {Moves it to safety and pins Black's bishop.} **30... Nb3** {Slightly better is Rxd4.} **31. Qe7+** {Moves it to safety and forks Black's pawn at f7 and Black's king.} **31... Bd7** {Black gives White a forced mate opportunity. Much better is Rd7. Bd7 leads to 32. Rxc4+ Nc5 33. Rxc5+ Kb6 34. Qd6+ Bc6 35. Qxc6# and mate.} **32. Rxc4+** {Leads to 32... Nc5 33. Rxc5+ Kb6 34. Qd6+ Bc6 35. Qxc6# and mate. Black resigns.} **1-0**

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IM Larry Kaufman - IM Jonathan Schroer

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1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Be2 O-O 6. Bg5 Na6 7. Qc2 h6
8. Be3 e5 9. dxe5 dxe5 10. Rd1 Qe8 11. Nf3 c6 12. O-O Qe7 13. a3 Bg4 14.
b4 Nh5 15. Nd2 Bxe2 16. Nxe2 f5 17. exf5 gxf5 18. f3 Qe6 19. Kh1 Nf6 20.
Rfe1 Nd7 21. Bg1 Nb6 22. c5 Nd5 23. Nc4 Rab8 24. Nd4 Qf6 25. Nxe5 Rbd8
26. Nc4 Rd7 27. Ne6 Re8 28. Nxc7 Rxe1 29. Rxe1 Rxc7 30. Nd6 Nac7 31.
Qxf5 Qb2 32. g3 Qxa3 33. Re4 Qc1 34. Rg4 Rxc4 35. Qxc4+ Qg5 36. Qc8+ Kh7
37. Nxb7 Qh5 38. Qd7+ Kg8 39. Kg2 Qg6 40. Nd8 Qc2+ 41. Kh1 Qd1 42. Qf5
Kh8 43. Nxc6 Qe1 44. Qf8+ Kh7 45. Qf5+ Kh8 46. Ne5 1-0

Dakota Cronin - NM Klaus Pohl

NC Championship, 2002.10.05

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bd7 6. a3 f6 7. b4 fxe5 8.
b5 Nxd4 9. Nxe5 Nf5 10. Bd3 Nf6 11. g4 Nd6 12. g5 Nfe4 13. Qh5+ Ke7 14.
f3 Be8 15. Qh4 Nf5 16. Qg4 Ned6 17. g6 h6 18. Qg5+ 1-0

North Carolina Tournament Calendar

Additional information and latest updates can be found at <http://www.ncchess.org>

December 21, 2002	Smokehouse	Charlotte
December 28, 2002	Capitol Area Junior Open	Raleigh
January 4, 2003	Pawndemonium XIV	Asheville
January 11, 2003	Grade Championship	Charlotte
January 18, 2003	Triangle Area Chess Open VI	Raleigh
January 18-19, 2003	North Tennessee Winter Open	Clarksville, TN
January 20, 2003	Facets Clue '03	Hendersonville
Jan 31 - Feb 2, 2003	Land of the Sky XVI	Asheville
February 8, 2003	CMSCA League Tournament	Charlotte
February 15, 2003	Triangle Area Chess Open VII	Raleigh
February 22, 2003	Mustang XXVII Scholastic	Chapel Hill
February 22, 2003	Jr Open	Charlotte
Feb 28-Mar 2, 2003	Atlanta Championship	Atlanta, GA
March 7-9, 2003	NC Scholastic Championship	Charlotte
March 15, 2003	Triangle Area Chess Open VIII	Raleigh
March 20-23, 2003	National High School Championship	Columbus, OH
April 5, 2003	1st Annual WS/FCSCA Spring Rated	Winston-Salem
April 12, 2003	CMSCA League Tournament	Charlotte
April 24-27, 2003	National Junior High Championship	Kissimmee, FL
May 2-4, 2003	North Carolina Class Championships	Burlington
May 8-11, 2003	National Elementary Championship	Nashville, TN
May 10, 2003	Quad Tournament	Charlotte
June 7, 2003	Orchard Lake Campground	Saluda
June 20-22, 2003?	Tobacco Road Team Challenge	Raleigh
June 22, 2003	City of Oaks Chess Challenge	Raleigh
July 25-27, 2003	Lipkin/Pfefferkorn Open	Burlington

Land Of The Sky XVI

Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, 2003
Grand Prix Points: 60

5SS, 35/90, then SD/60

Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, One Holiday Inn Dr., Asheville, NC 28806, 828-254-3211.

HR: \$67 and up to four occupants, mention tournament.

\$\$20,000 b/320, \$10,000 Gtd.

Open: (All) 1st \$2400, 2nd \$900, 3rd \$800, 4th \$500, 5th \$400, 2299-2200, 2199-2100, 2099-under each category \$700-400.

Amateur: (U2000) 1st \$1500, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$400, 1899-1800, 1799-1700, 1699-under each category \$800-400.

Booster: (U1600) 1st \$1500, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$400, 1499-1400, 1399-1300, 1299-under ea. category \$500-300, Unr. \$300. Unr. eligible for unr. prize only.

EF: \$84 postmarked by 1/24, \$10 more at site or \$44 postmarked by 1/24 and \$40 at site.
 \$10 off pre-entry or at site for players new to Land of the Sky.

Family discount: first member full EF, \$20 off each additional (immediate family only, d/n apply to trophy entries).

Players under 18: Trophy only-\$20, pre or at site, no discounts, if playing for money \$10 off pre or at site EF. One discount per player.

Visa & Mastercard Accepted (add \$3 to EF).

Optional Re-entry: Re-enter for \$47 after Friday rd, counts as 1/2 entry toward based-on prize fund.

Reg: Fri. 3pm-7pm for Friday round, anytime until Saturday 1pm (one 1/2 pt bye avail rds 1-3).

Rds: 1st rd-Your Choice-Fri. 8pm or Sat. 9am (will assume Sat. Rd. if no choice made), other rds 2:15-7:15 on Sat., 9-2:15 on Sun.

Blitz Tournament: Saturday morning.

U1200 Section (rated): 5SS, G/60. 70% of EF paid in prizes.

EF: \$40 pre (no discounts), \$10 more at site. \$\$ 20% to 1st, 15% to 2nd, 10% to 3rd, U900 10% to 1st, 5% to 2nd, Unr. 10% to 1st. Unrated eligible for unrated prize only.

Reg: anytime up to one hour before any round (one 1/2 point bye available rds 1-3).

Rds: Sat. 10:30-1:30-4, Sun. 9-1:30.

Ent: Checks payable to WW, PO Box 1123, Weaverville, NC 28787, 828-645-4215, fax: 828-645-4216, wilderwad@aol.com.

North Carolina Scholastic Chess Championship XXX

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Tournament Announcements

Dec 21, 2002 Smokehouse XXXIV. 3-SS, 30/1, G15, Ole Smokehouse Dining Room, 1513 Montford Dr., Charlotte, N.C. In 10 man Sections. \$\$100-50. EF: \$23 at site. (\$3 discount for CCC members) Reg: 9:45am. Rds: 10-1-4. INFO: NM Leland Fuerstman 704-552-5656 or Toll Free 888-321-9292

Dec 28, 2002 Capitol Area Junior Open. EF: \$10 / \$12 6-SS Game/30 Both Regular and Quick Rated Reg.: 8-9 Rds.: 9-10-11-1-2-3 Sections: U19 , U12. **U19** (Open to players born after 28 December, 1983) Prizes: Trophies to 1st – 7th , top u15 , top u13 , top unrated. **U12** (Open to players born after 28 December, 1990) Prizes: Trophies to 1st – 7th , top u9 , top u8 , top unrated. USCF membership required: \$20 for under 20, \$14 for under 15 Site: Caraleigh Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 118 Summit Ave. Raleigh, NC ENT: Jeffrey Jones 3139-I Calumet Dr. Raleigh, NC 27610 (919)250-9717

Jan 4, 2003 Pawndemonium XIV. Montford Center, Asheville, NC. Prizes: 50 Trophies, 100 T-Shirts (to first 100 entrants). **K-12 Open, K-8 / 1000 Game/40, 5SS. K-5 / U900, K-3 / U800** Game/20, 6SS. NCCA membership included in entry fee. Top 4 individual scores from a school determine team score. Trophy awarded to biggest upset in the tournament. Trophy awarded to best kindergartner EF: \$10 by Jan 1, 2003; \$15 at site. Ent: Ned Cabaniss, 117 Churchill Downs Dr, Fairview, NC 28730

Jan 18, 2003 and Feb 15, 2003 T.A.C.O. V & VI. 3-SS 40/90 SD/30 EF: \$10 Prizes: \$240 b/32. Sections: **OPEN:** \$60 - \$20 **U1800:** \$60 - \$20 **U1400:** \$60 - \$20 Registration: 9am-10am Rounds: 10am-2pm-6pm Site: Caraleigh Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 118 Summit Ave. Raleigh, NC Contact Info: Jeffrey Jones (919)250-9717

Jan 20, 2003 Facets Clue '03 Hendersonville, NC, First Baptist Church Annex, Entry Fee: \$7 Prizes: \$450 (b/75 in all sections) Register by 8:30 a.m. Rounds start 9:00 a.m. 3 Sections: Top, Middle, Bottom. **Top** (7RR, G/25): Open to 7 highest rated players plus 1 appointed player. Prizes: \$50-40-30-20-10-10-10-10. **Middle** (6SS, G/30): Open to everyone not in Top or Bottom Section (including unrated). Accelerated Pairings. Prizes: \$40-30-20-10 U1100, U1000, U900, U800: \$10 each. Biggest Upset: \$10. **Bottom** (6SS, G/30): Open to anyone rated under 700 (or unrated). Prizes: \$25-20-15-10-10-10-10-10 Biggest Upset: \$10. Ent: Kevin Hyde, 705 Old Mtn Page Rd, Saluda NC 28773 hyde@a-o.com

Feb 22, 2003 Jr Open Charlotte. For further information contact Rob Morse at (704) 849-2575.

Feb 22, 2003 Mustang XXVII Scholastic, 4SS, G/40. McDougle Middle School, 900 Old Fayetteville Road, Chapel Hill NC. Prizes to top K-12, K-8, K-5, K-3. Three sections; **K-12, K-8, K-5** (K-12/K-8 may be combined) ENTRY FEE: \$8, USCF membership required; ROUNDS: Round 1 - 10:00am, round 2 - 12:30pm. Rounds 3 and 4 as prior rounds end. REGISTRATION, 8:45-9:45am day of tournament (no pre-entries). Registration will end promptly at 9:45am. Please get to the tournament site on time or risk waiting until round 2. This tournament starts on time! CHECKS TO: Martin Roper. INFO: jcsperson@yahoo.com, 919-624-7607.

NC Clubs and Web Sites

Please email all club information to the NCCA and a new directory will be published with the next NC Gambit.

Austin Chess Club
8342 Austin-Traphill Rd
Elkin, NC 28621
9am 'til 1pm
Average 5 boards
Austin Cafe (336)957-4922

Directions: From exit 82 on I-77 west on NC-67. Go through 4th light & take 1st left on Spring St. At 3rd light make a right onto Austin-Traphill Rd. Continue 9 miles to Austin Cafe on the right. Call for directions if needed (336)957-4922. World famous biscuits and gravy!!!

Contact: Norm Pruitt <normpruitt@infoave.net>

Website: <http://www.interstatesign.com/austin/>

Asheville Chess Club
Wednesdays 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
North Asheville Recreation Center
Larchmont off of Merrimon Ave

Borders Chess Club
Cary, NC
Saturdays 2-6pm
Borders Books Music & Cafe
1751 Walnut Street, Cary, NC
Contact: Leo <BordersChess@hotmail.com>

Carolina Chess Academy
Charlotte, NC
<http://www.carolinachessacademy.org/>

Charlotte Chess Club
Charlotte, NC
Meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30 P.M. (or as early as 5:30 for some) at Wendy's Restaurant, 434 S.Independence Blvd., Charlotte, N.C. The venue guarantees plenty of tables, good lighting, great food, close parking, limited smoking!, and friendly management?! Members are welcome to participate in casual play as well as USCF rated events
Contact: Leland Fuerstman <lelandfue@yahoo.com>
Website: <http://www.charlottechess.com/>

Duke Chess
<http://www.duke.edu/web/dukechess/>

East Carolina Scholastic Chess Club
2203 East 5th St
Greenville, NC 27858
East Carolina meets at Sheppard Memorial Library every Sunday from 2-5pm, every Monday at Rose High School after school in the library, and at D.H Conley every Thursday. East Carolina is available to all K-12 students. Chess lessons are given by Nate Talbert and Richard Miller. A scholastic chess tournament is held once a month.
Contact: Nathaniel Talbert <natetgo@netzero.net>

Greater Henderson County Home School Chess
<http://a-o.com/hyde/chess.htm>

gru-Bell Chess Clubs
<http://www.spacefire.com/chess/>

Henderson County Scholastic Chess
<http://www.brinet.com/~palmer/hcsca/>

Hibriten HS Chess Club
550 East Blvd
Lenoir, NC 28645
The Chess Club at Hibriten HS meets each Thursday afternoon from 4:15 to 5:30. Players of all strengths are welcome. Rated games are usually played. Lesson material is usually provided on a weekly basis.

Contact: John Thomas <jthomas@caa.k12.nc.us>

Jacksonville USO Chess Club
9 Tallman St
Jacksonville, NC 28540
Sundays 1 - 7pm, USCF/Non-USCF Quads every Sunday with \$2 entry fee, plan to hold one tournament a month on a Saturday.
Contact: Sara Walsh <PrincessChess@uschesslive.org>

Raleigh Chess Club
<http://kiwanischess.tripod.com/>

Southern Pines Chess Club
PO Box 144
Southern Pines, NC 28388
6 P.M. Tuesdays
Shoney's Restaurant
Route 1
Southern Pines, NC
Contact: Dan Garrett <danielgarrett@earthlink.net>

Upper Neuse Chess Union
<http://upperneusechess.freewebsites.org/>

Wilmington Chess Club
<http://www.wilmingtonchess.com/>

Winston-Salem Chess Club
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
The club meets every Thursday night at Borders in Winston-Salem. Everyone, that includes children, is welcome to attend and play. We meet from appx. 7:00 p.m. to when the last chess player leaves.

WS/FC Scholastic Chess Association
133 Queensbury Rd
Winston-Salem, NC 27104
WS/FCSCA promotes scholastic chess in the schools and homes of Forsyth County. We plan to hold rated and unrated tournaments during the school year. Check our web site for the latest information.
Contact: Keith Kolischak <keith@kbrcomm.com>
Website: <http://www.kbrcomm.com/fcsca/>

2003 North Carolina State Correspondence Championships

Tournament starts January 15th, 2003

Entry deadline January 1st, 2003

Final results must be posted by July 15th, 2005

USCF rated correspondence chess
Games played under correspondence rules.

USCF membership required
NCCA membership also required.

Sections: (NC residents only)

Championship Section: Open to players rated
1800+

Amateur Section: Open to players under 1800

EF: \$10

Plaques to the winner in each section.

Format:

(4-6 players, double round-robin)
(7+ players, single round-robin, filler player
may be added)

Medium: e-mail

Time Control:

10 moves in 45 days

Mail entries to:

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